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MEXICAN NATIONAL GETS 15 YEARS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Alonso Palmero, 30, Oaxaca, Mexico, was sentenced to 15 years (180 months) imprisonment today by U.S. Circuit Court Judge (sitting by designation) David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea for distribution of 500 grams or more of methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. This case was the result of six-month long, multi-agency investigation that was conducted by the U.S Drug Enforcement Administration Indianapolis Division Office in conjunction with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

Palmero was responsible for distributing over 5 kilograms of methamphetamine in the Indianapolis area from May through October of 2008. Palmero was arrested in October of 2008 after a successful sting operation was conducted during which he sold nearly one kilogram of methamphetamine to a confidential informant working with law enforcement. At the time of Palmero's arrest, a search warrant was executed at his residence, located on Garden Grove Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana. The search of Palmero's residence resulted in the discovery of an additional 2.6 kilograms of methamphetamine, \$313, 825.00 in cash, three high-end automobiles including a Yukon Denali, an H2 Hummer, and a Ford Mustang, a Honda motorcycle, four big screen televisions, and miscellaneous computer equipment.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Circuit Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following Palmero's release from imprisonment, if he is not deported to his native country of Mexico.

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